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Dear Dr. Norton,

Thank you very much for your positive answer about the publication on your prestigious journal of the paper entitled “Characterising the KMP-11 and HSP-70 recombinant antigens’ humoral immune response profile in chagasic patients”.

The authors appreciate the comments made by reviewers and prepared a new version of the manuscript, as follows:

As requested by Referee 1, in the reviewed version of the manuscript, we have clarified the quantity/amount of recombinant antigens used for sensitise the plates for detecting anti-T. cruzi IgG isotypes: It has been indicated in the Materials and Methods section (0.1 and 0.5 µg/well, page 8).
Following the indication made by Referee 1, in the reviewed version of the manuscript, we have changed “The T. rangeli (TrHSP-70) recombinant protein was assayed”, for “The TrHSP-70 recombinant protein was assayed” (page 8).

In agree with Referee 1, the Vercosa et al 2007 findings have been included and discussed in the Discussion section (page 16).

Following Referee 2 suggestion, the Introduction of the new version of the paper has been carefully revised and some aspects rewritten in order to be in accord with the objective of the study. However, and following the indications stated in the journal guidelines, key words have not been inserted in the abstract section.

Thank you for your consideration,

Yours sincerely,

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